AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in this application:

- 1. (Cancel without prejudice or disclaimer).
- 2. (Previously Presented) Apparatus comprising:
- an electrolyte fluid;
- a first electrode:
- a nanostructured surface between said electrolyte fluid and said electrode;
- wherein said nanostructured surface prevents contact of the electrolyte fluid and the electrode; and

wherein, upon passing a voltage over said nanostructured surface, said electrolyte fluid penetrates said surface, thus contacting said electrode.

- 3. (Previously Presented) Apparatus comprising:
- an electrolyte fluid;
- a first electrode:
- a nanostructured surface between said electrolyte fluid and said electrode, wherein said nanostructured surface prevents contact of the electrolyte fluid and the electrode; and
- a second electrode in contact with said electrolyte fluid disposed in a way such that, when said electrolyte fluid penetrates said surface, a battery capable of generating an electrical current is formed.
 - 4. (Previously Presented) Apparatus comprising:
 - an electrolyte fluid;
 - a first electrode;

a nanostructured surface between said electrolyte fluid and said first electrode, wherein said nanostructured surface prevents contact of said electrolyte fluid and said first electrode;

an electrical circuit comprising an electrical load; and

a second electrode in contact with said electrolyte fluid disposed in a way such that, when said electrolyte fluid penetrates said nanostructured surface, a battery capable of generating an electrical current is formed.

- 5. (Previously Presented) Apparatus comprising:
- an electrolyte fluid;
- a first electrode;
- a nanostructured surface between said electrolyte fluid and said first electrode, wherein said nanostructured surface prevents contact of said electrolyte fluid and said first electrode;

an electrical circuit comprising an electrical load, wherein said electrical load is at least one laser; and

a second electrode in contact with said electrolyte fluid disposed in a way such that, when said electrolyte fluid penetrates said nanostructured surface, a battery capable of generating an electrical current is formed.

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- 7. (Cancel without prejudice or disclaimer).
- 8. (Cancel without prejudice or disclaimer).